

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

PROPOSITION 55

Vote YES on 55. Help our children thrive.

Prop 55 makes sure we won't go back to massive cuts in school funding. It protects the education and health of our children.

Proposition 55 does not raise anyone's taxes:

- Prop 55 *maintains current tax rates* on the wealthiest Californians to ensure couples earning more than \$500,000 a year continue paying their share.
- Proposition 55 does not raise taxes on small businesses.
- Under Proposition 55 the state sales tax is reduced as planned at the end of 2016.

Proposition 55 *prevents* up to a \$4 billion per year cut in public school funding:

- Proposition 55 helps address the teacher shortage and continues to restore the school funding that was cut during the recession.
- California's high school graduation rate rose for the sixth year in a row. Prop 55 will help continue the progress.

Yes on 55 has strict accountability and fiscal requirements to ensure education funds go straight to the classroom:

- Revenue is guaranteed in the Constitution to go into a special account for schools and children's health care that the *Legislature can't touch*.

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- Money will be audited every year. Audit findings are posted at <http://trackprop30.ca.gov/> so taxpayers can see how their money is spent.
- There are strict requirements that funding must go to the classroom, not administration or Sacramento bureaucracy.
- Proposition 55 authorizes criminal prosecution for misuse of money.
- The continuation of the current tax rates on the wealthiest is subject to the vote and will of the people.

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